

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, celebrates the histories, cultures, traditions, values, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from 20 Latin American countries and territories including Spain, Mexico, and Central and South America, and

**WHEREAS,** this significant observation began as a weekly celebration in 1968 known as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson. It was then enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, by President Ronald Regan, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies and events conveying respect, awareness, and understanding of the lived experiences of Hispanics, Chicana/os, and Latina/os; and

**WHEREAS,** reflected in the most recent U.S. Census (2020), 62.6 million people claim these identities making this collective the largest racial-ethnic population in America at 18.9 percent. In the City of Redmond, the Hispanic, Chicana/o, and Latina/o American population represents a significant and fast-growing demographic; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2024 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is, "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together," which embodies the heart of Redmond, reflecting the City's beliefs, practices, and aspirations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY,** Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024, as

### NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Angela Birney, Mayor  
September 2024